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Mr. John H. Carman, Chairman
Montgomery County BRAC
Implementation Committee
101 Monroe Street, 2nd Floor
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Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of October 21st on behalf of the BRAC Implementation Committee regarding the Draft Master Plan Update (DMPU) for the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC) in Bethesda. As always, I appreciate the diligence of the Committee members and I value the advice I receive from them.

I am aware that the Draft Master Plan Update is a "work in progress." The Navy recently submitted a specific plan for a new NNMC patient parking garage to the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) but has yet to submit a complete DMPU.

I will use the points the BRAC Implementation Committee has raised to evaluate and respond to the Draft Master Plan Update once it has been formally submitted by the Navy. The points you have raised are consistent with long-term strategic goals we all share: to ensure that BRAC growth does not negatively impact traffic in the region so that the mission of the nation's world-class military medical center is not compromised. To that end, the Navy must do all it can to encourage its personnel to utilize alternative modes of transportation rather than rely on single occupancy vehicles. For example, the federal government must construct the proposed new Metro entrance at the Navy Med campus; this project can succeed only if the Navy provides frequent shuttle bus service for its personnel and visitors from the Metro station to destinations throughout the campus.

Again, please convey to the BRAC Implementation Committee my appreciation for its hard work and responsible approach to the important matters relating to BRAC.

Sincerely,

Isiah Leggett
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